

## Trefoil keeps its links with the Girl Guides

Trefoil is proud of its historical connection with the Guiding movement in Scotland and looks forward to developing its relationship on an international basis.

To this end, we entered into discussion with the Worldwide Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and looked at various overseas options for collaborative working. It became apparent from those discussions that the Guides overseas could help children and young people in a very structured way if properly postured and funded. The principal driver from Trefoil was to assist in the development of children and young people with special needs. It was also very clear that we required an organisational infrastructure in the country to make this happen.

Nicaragua and Honduras were two countries where WAGGGS had an aspiration to progress a rural Guiding project and, if funded, would allow a structured approach to support the development of children and young people with special needs. In this case, the nature of the

special need is predominantly social but this also impacts upon health and education in an area of profound social deprivation. The aim is to provide, through Guiding, a programme of health education (AIDS/HIV awareness), social issues (awareness of child trafficking) and wealth creation in small communities. Although not aimed solely at children and young people with special needs in the conventional sense, inevitably they will benefit. In any case, the Trefoil Board agreed that the degree of poverty experienced in both of these countries constituted an impediment to development of similar gravity to that experienced in those with physical or learning difficulties.

The projects in South America provide a positive impact on a large population, for relatively little money. We are, therefore, considering the expansion of this type of collaboration with WAGGGS.



## A message from the Chairman



In my last column, I reported that we had placed Trefoil House on the market for sale. We were delighted with the response and the team at Trefoil spent many weeks showing a large number of viewers around. In the end, it narrowed down to three serious interests. Just as negotiations were progressing however, the credit crunch hit with a vengeance and, unfortunately, all offers were withdrawn. After discussion with the Board it was decided that, in the present economic circumstances, the best course of action would be to seek a tenant for the house. Again, a number of interests have been noted and, as I write, negotiations are proceeding well. These things do take time, however, and so we must be patient!

The Trefoil Holiday Fund continues to go from strength to strength and in recent months, it has been good to see the number of applications on the rise again. To date this year, we have awarded 27 grants totaling £9,350. Applicants come from all over the UK but, for reasons we cannot fathom, we don't get very many from Scotland! We would be delighted if our supporters could spread the word in any way they can. Full details of the criteria for applicants can be found on the website [www.trefoil.org.uk](http://www.trefoil.org.uk).

And speaking of the website, it has recently been given a complete makeover. As with all things new, there are still a few modifications to be made but we hope that you like the fresh new look.

Sadly, in the issue, we have to record the end of an era at Trefoil. The Trefoil School Association, which operated independently from the charity, took the decision a few months ago that the time had come for it to be disbanded. From its beginnings at St Abbs Head in 1939, Trefoil School continued to develop and their 'care model' came under scrutiny in the 1960's from other countries including the USA and Japan. The Trefoil approach to the "all round" development of children with special needs was an example to all of best practice. It is indeed a measure of the strength of the bond that was built up at the School, that the Association has been active for so many years. I and my board of directors send our best wishes to everyone involved.

As always my thanks go to all who continue to show so much support for Trefoil. We really could not continue without it and in these difficult times for all it is much appreciated.

**Peter Nussey**  
Chairman

## Who benefits from the holiday grants?

The Holiday Grants scheme came about as a method of providing the support which had previously been available via the Trefoil Holiday and Adventure Centre. The accommodation at the House had been very heavily subsidised which had enabled a number of guests to stay at the House and to have a holiday that otherwise may not have been possible. It is our intention to ensure that this benefit is not lost and, indeed, by providing these grants we facilitate freedom of choice for our applicants regarding where and when they go on holiday. No longer tied to the facilities at Trefoil, they can be a little more adventurous in sourcing holiday options which suit them as a family or organised group.

Here are a few of the many comments that we have received from our applicants:

*"Thank you for supporting our family Holiday to Disneyland Paris; it was a holiday to remember. My sons Matthew 10 and Joshua 5 had a fantastic time."*

*"It was lovely seeing the kids' faces light up there was so much to do and see."*

*"The Holiday provided to Dylan, Anissa and Katrina enabled a much overdue family reunion in the North of England. We went shopping to Keswick, only 5 or 6 miles away. Dylan found pies and a chocolate shop, Anissa and Katrina found a very large football."*

*"Please once again thank all concerned for their kindness and consideration."*

### Trefoil House Grants

The Holiday and Personal Development Grant Fund provides enabling grants for people with special needs or disability where a need exists that cannot be provided for by statutory provision, that is: by law, through the National Health Service, or by local authorities. If you would like more information, please contact Trefoil at [info@trefoil.org.uk](mailto:info@trefoil.org.uk).

*"Help us to enhance the quality  
of life of Children and Young  
People in need of Care Support  
and Development"*

# TREFOIL CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday, 21st November 2009  
10am to 3pm**

Entry Fee £1, Children Free

Teas and coffees  
Dolls houses and accessories  
Treasures  
Bottle stall  
Book stall  
Cakes and Jams  
Bulbs  
Raffle  
Jewellery

**There's something for everyone!**

**Guide Headquarters, 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh**

 **trefoil**  
SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Scottish charity number: SCO13744

## Golf 4 Grants 2009

Despite the recession, flu pandemics and any other maladies the Trefoil Golf Tournament went ahead this year. It was felt earlier in the year that there was a risk in running the event due to the economic situation and the potential lack of teams. A decision was made however to proceed based upon the need to keep the Tournament going and to maintain the Trefoil profile.

Following a great deal of hard work, persuasion and not a little coercion, we were able to field 13 teams for the event which was held on 9 June 2009. This was around half of our usual attendance as a number of our regular supporters felt unable to field a team this year due to the economic downturn. This is entirely understandable and we hope to be able to welcome them again next year.

A cool and breezy start soon brightened up into a glorious day and some great golf was played. The scores reflected this with the winners recording an impressive 118.

Despite the lower numbers, the event raised over nearly £4,000 on the day including the Raffle and the Silent Auction which, on its own raised a fantastic £500. The funds raised will be of immense value to a huge number of children and young people at home here in Scotland and across the globe.

### The winning scores:

**1st prize** with a score of 118 went to Millar & Bryce.

**2nd Prize** with a score of 119 went to last year's winners Gillespie Macandrew.

**3rd Prize** with a score of 122 went to Dunedin Canmore.

### Sponsored hole winners:

**Nearest the Hole in 2 sponsored by Reidpay Ltd**

Zander Culverwell, Susan Stephen team.

**Nearest the pin on the Green sponsored by Edinburgh Risk Management**

Zander Culverwell, Susan Stephen team.

**Longest Drives for Ladies & Gents sponsored by Connect Communications**

June Dey, The Edrington Group and James McLetchie, Dunedin Canmore.

**Hole 18 Nearest the hole in 2 sponsored by Walter Scott and Partners**

Paul Kennedy, The Assay Office.



2009 Winners, Millar & Bryce

All of the teams provided raffle prizes and sponsored holes. The winning team prizes were sponsored by The Rose St Golf Shop. Walter Scott and Partners Limited provided the golf balls for the winning teams.

The event was organised and run by Denise Gibbons of Panoply Events who was ably assisted by Allison Lock. A special thanks also to The Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh for their continuing assistance and support, especially to Graham and Mark for making this a very memorable day.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Denise Gibbons at Trefoil.

### Trefoil would also like to thank those who donated prizes for the Raffle and Silent Auction:

Ian Rankin

The Royal Zoological Society Scotland

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

The Forth Estuary Transport Authority

Marriot Hotel Edinburgh

Newbattle Golf Club Ltd

The Oxford Bar

Colin Brown, Rebus Walking Tour

Edinburgh Carlton Hotel

Murray International Holdings Ltd

Ratho Park Golf Club

Digisnaps Ltd

Mortonhall Golf Club

Margaret Smith MSP

Ayr Racecourse

Colm O'Brien

Panoply Events

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